

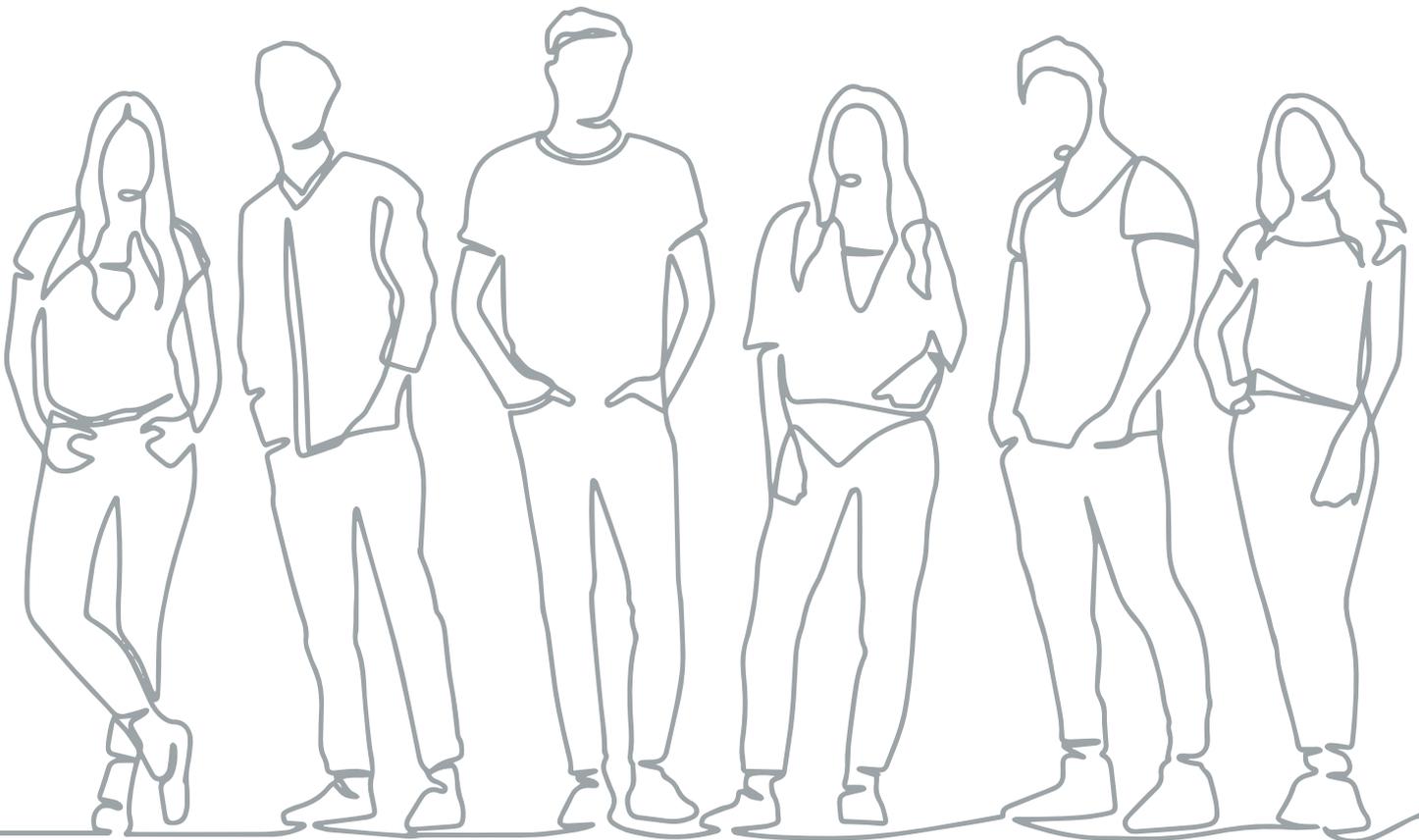
Peterborough City Council local elections

What do you think?



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Introduction



Peterborough City Council is thinking about changing how its local elections work.



A local election is when people who live in the local area vote for who they think should be part of the council.



We want to know what you think about changing how our local elections work.



This information will tell you about the changes we would make.



At the end we will ask you what you think about the changes.

How the elections work now



Peterborough is split into 22 areas, known as wards.



Each ward has between one and three people who are part of the council. They are called councillors. **Councillors share what the local people in their area say they want and need.**



Councillors are voted for by local people in their area.



At the moment, local people in most wards vote for one new councillor **3 out of every 4 years***

*People living in West ward and Ginton & Castor ward vote for a new councillor 2 out of every 4 years.

**People living in Barnack ward and Wittering ward vote for a new councillor once every 4 years.



In the 4th year they do not vote for any councillors and there are no elections. **The following year the elections start again.**





This means there are three elections every four years. **Each election is for a different councillor.**

What is good about how the elections work now?

Good things about how the elections work now include:



New councillors could join the council every year, bringing new ideas.



People can vote for the councillor they think will be best at dealing with problems happening at the time.



It is what local people are used to.



How we would change the elections

We would change the elections by making local people vote for all of the councillors at the same time.

This means there would only be one election every four years.

What is good about these changes?

Good things about this way of doing elections include:



The council would be more stable and would be able to make better plans for the future.



It would cost less money.



People would feel they had more say in what the council was doing, so more of them might vote.



What do you think?

We want to know what you think about the changes we would make to elections. **Please answer these questions.**

We need your answers by 19 September 2022

Question 1

Do you think all three councillors should be voted for at the same time, meaning there is only one election every four years?

Yes No *If YES, would you prefer to have 'all out' elections starting in:* 2023 or 2024

Question 2

First name

Surname

Question 3

What is your postcode?

Any additional comments you may have?

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